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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
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1. Discussions continue in the United Nations regarding the form of UN effort most likely to achieve a permanent settlement of the Kashmir problem. U Thant, who favors a commission of four Great Powers to undertake the task, is receiving a less-than-enthusiastic response, although Pakistani Foreign Minister Bhutto favors the idea of such a commission. There is also discussion as to whether the immediate troop withdrawal problem and the longer-range search for a permanent settlement should be handled by one or two UN bodies.

2. A Karachi radio broadcast of 25 September reports that Pakistani President Ayub has informed Soviet Premier Kosygin that he feels the USSR's influence on the Kashmir question can now best be exerted in the Security Council. Previously, both Pakistan and India had accepted in principle Kosygin's proposal of 17 September that Ayub and Indian Prime Minister Shastri should meet on Soviet soil to seek settlement of the Kashmir dispute. Apparently this new communication represents a shift in Pakistan's thinking.

3. Meanwhile, the task of marshalling a UN observer force is making progress. Brazil, Canada, Ethiopia, Ireland, and Nigeria have promised officers for the UN India-Pakistan Observer Mission (UNIPOM), which will be stationed south of Kashmir, while Canada, Denmark, Italy, Norway, Finland, and Sweden have promised additional observers for the United Nations Military Observer Group India Pakistan (UNMOGIP) which is already stationed along the 1949 cease-fire line.

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